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9 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Judge Clark on 10 November 1982

1. I understand from Gil Rye that Judge Clark will inform you of a major SIG(Space) initiative in the meeting tomorrow. Judge Clark has apparently decided to have the President issue a National Security Study Directive (NSSD) that tasks the SIG(Space) agencies to perform a six-month study to develop a national space strategy. This study, to be completed by the end of May, is focused on implementing the space policy that was issued in National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 42. The study recommendations will be considered by the SIG(Space) and referred to the President for decision and promulgation of a NSDD that would amplify NSDD 42. Gil Rye said that the drive to perform this study is to respond to concerns expressed by Congress that the space policy had no "meat" to it and to address DCI concerns about the Soviet space program. The proposed effort would incorporate the study efforts being conducted in the three SIG(Space) working groups on space launch policy, remote sensing, and the manned space station (see attachment). It will also address the following items: commercialization of space activities, planetary exploration, basic technology, manned space flight, survivability and

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proposal is solely an NSC initiative. There has been no formal coordination on this initiative. [REDACTED]

2. This study was a surprise to us and we have not had too much time to formulate views on how we should respond to this initiative. Nevertheless, our initial reaction is one of great concern and we suggest that you raise some of the following points with Judge Clark:

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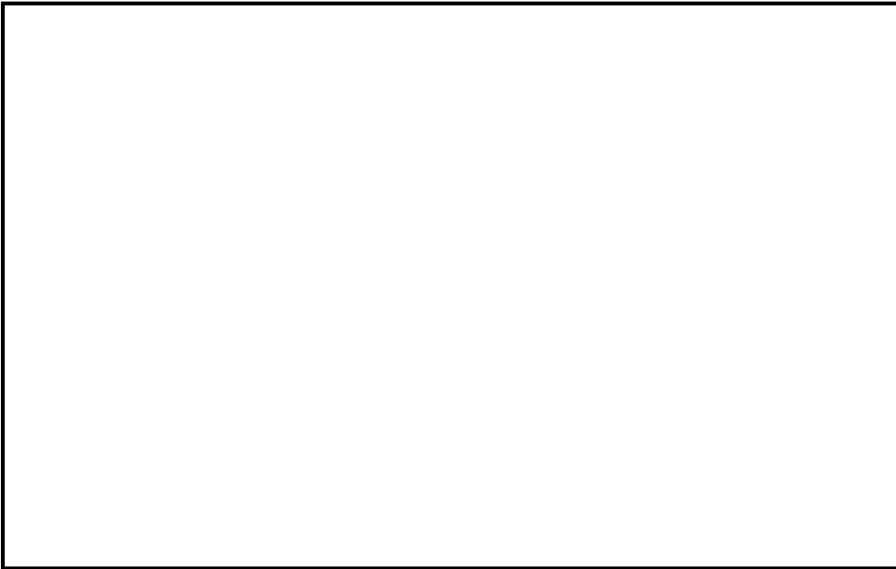
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